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# Towards a **Mediterranean Energy Community**

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## WHAT VISION?

"a regional EU-Southern Mediterranean Energy Partnership initially focused on electricity and renewable energy market development by 2020"

"a Mediterranean Energy Community"

# WHAT LEGAL ASPECTS NEED TO BE DEVELOPED?

- effective investment protection guarantees are essential in order to attract private capital
- functioning regional electricity markets
- preferential connection of renewable generation plants to the grid and access to transmission infrastructures
- authorisation regimes and/or the award of concessions shall be transparent and non-discriminatory

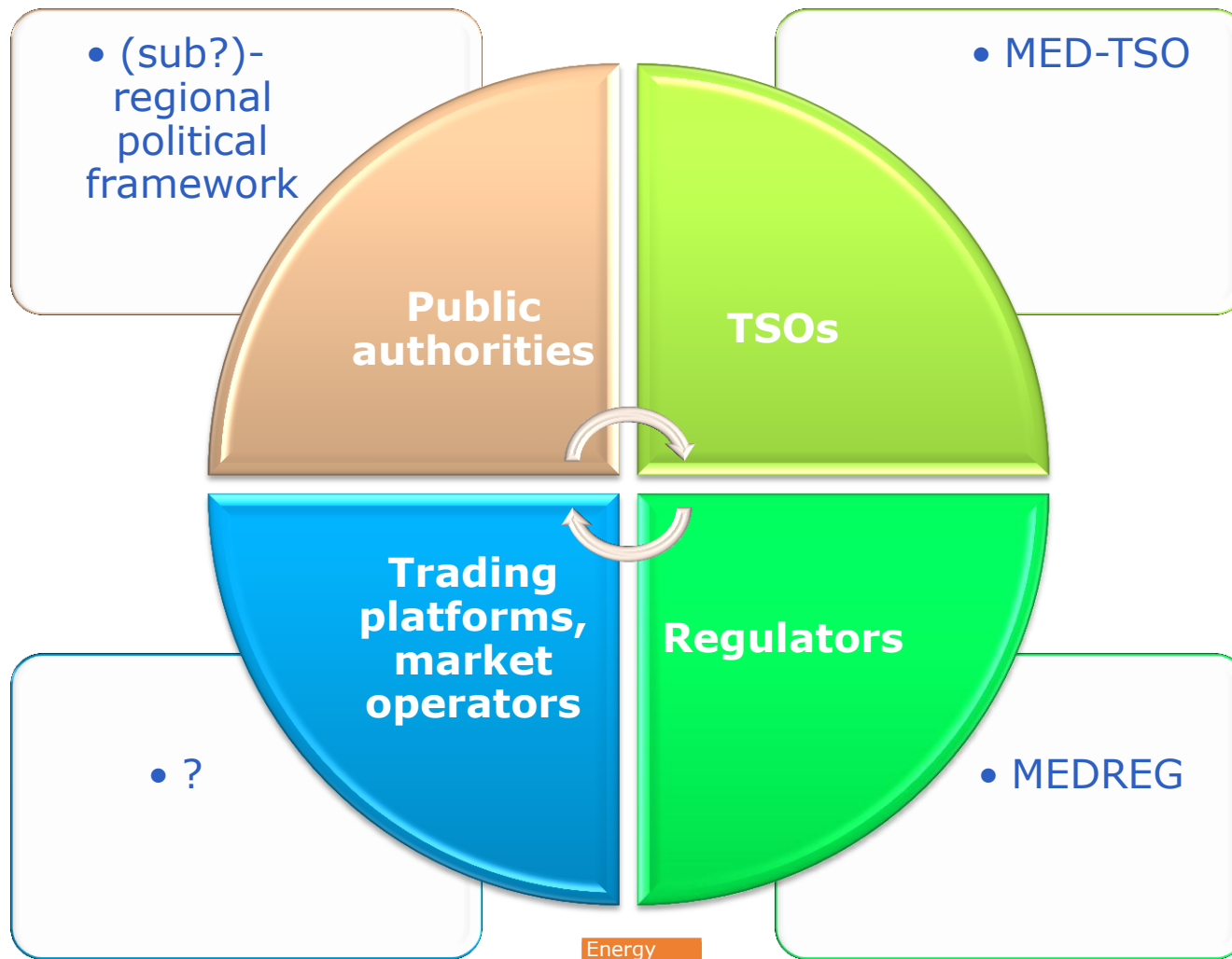
# WHAT LEGAL PROVISIONS COULD BE EXPLORED?

1. bilateral investment protection instruments + Energy Charter Treaty
2. no import-export restrictions or other restrictions to trade in electricity, no customs tariffs for electricity
3. establishment of regional wholesale energy market(s)
4. preferential access to the grid for electricity of renewable origin based on common principles

# WHAT LEGAL PROVISIONS COULD BE EXPLORED?

5. national treatment as regards authorisation or licensing
6. facilitation of Article 9 project implementation
7. Provisions concerning carbon financing
8. ....
9. ....

# WHAT COOPERATION STRUCTURES?



# WHAT LEGAL FRAMEWORK(S)?

	<i>Political instruments and frameworks</i>				<i>Bilateral legal instruments</i>			<i>Multilateral legal instruments</i>	
	<i>Energy dialogue</i>	<i>Memorandum of Understanding</i>	<i>ENP Action Plan / Roadmap / Association Agenda</i>	<i>Union for the Mediterranean</i>	<i>PCA/Assoc. Agreement /SAA / Framework Agreement</i>	<i>FTA /Non-preferential Agreements /TA /EEA</i>	<i>Science &amp; technology coop. agreement</i>	<i>Energy Charter Treaty</i>	<i>WTO</i>
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◉ Negotiation mandate for DCFTA

# WHAT LEGAL FRAMEWORK(S)?

multilateral "light" (cross border electricity exchanges and renewables)

framework for  
regional trade of  
electricity  
surplus

basic provisions  
on renewables

light cooperation  
structure

multilateral advanced (electricity &  
renewables)

principle of single energy area

free trade in energy  
products and transit

investment  
protection

principles of energy  
market regulation

specific provisions  
on renewables

general provisions &  
governance

bilateral DCFTA provisions

regulatory  
provisions on  
energy market  
functioning (close to  
EU legislation )

regulatory  
provisions on  
renewables (close  
to EU legislation)

horizontal  
provisions (trade,  
investment  
protection, dispute  
resolution, etc...)



***THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION***

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